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TRemble, tremble, tremble, all ſorts of people, who in prophaneneſs lives: A day of *howling* and *bitter lamentation* is comming upon you; your wicked practiſes are in remembrance, before the living God of life and power brought, who is dreadful and terrible to the workers of iniquity, and the day haſtens, wherein thou an account muſt give for all your filthy practiſes, and rewarded thou muſt be according to thy deeds: Thou *Oxford* who with *Corazin* art exalted above all other, becauſe of thy humane wiſdome; but down the dreadful God of Heaven and Earth wil bring thee, all thy Sorcerie wil not ſave thee in the day of the Lords fierce wrath, which is comming upon thee; all thy profeſſion wil not cover thee, who art an enemy to the life of what thou in words profeſſeſt; now all thy coverings wil not hide thee in this the day of the Lord, who wil reward thee according to thy actions; and thy ſtoln expreſſions, which thou haſt ſtoln out of the Saints conditions, wil not avail thee in the day of thy calamity, for out of the Saints life thou art found, who giveth thy meanings to the Saints conditions, and ſo wreſt their words, to make them ſutable to thy carnall ends; but this Cloak is alſo too narrow, it wil not hide thee, for found thou

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art, covered with a covering, but not with the Spirit of the Lord; therefore upon thee wo and misery is comming, for now is the Angels of the Lords presence ready to execute judgment upon thee for thy pride and haughtiness, and all thy filthy abominations, an account thou must give; the dreadful day of the Lord draweth nigh, and in this terrible day, all thy natural Languages, & thy Logick, as *Hebrew*, *Greek*, and *Latine*, which thou calls the Originall Language, will not save thee from the judgment that is to come upon thee, for the fierce Wrath of the living *God* is kindled against thee, the *Vialls* are set open, and are ready to be powred down upon thee, who art found filling up the measure of thy *Fathers iniquity*, the *cry* of the *innocent* is heard against thee, whom the *Lord God* of *Heaven* and *Earth* sent to forewarn thee of the *evil* which is to come upon thee, whom thou whipped and persecuted, for calling people to *repentance*, and exhorting them to fear the *Lord*, and the Lord hath since sent diver of his faithfull *Servants* to forewarn you of this *wrath* wch is to come upon you, and yet you have shut your ears against them, and have them persecuted and imprisoned, and grosly abused, and so hath added to your *transgression*, which wil add to your *Torment*; you have drunk deep draughts of the *whores Cup*, you are ful of *filthiness* and *abominations*; and you must now tast of the *Wrath* which is due unto you, you cannot fly from it, nor escape it; and the *Witness* for *God* in you (which is the *Light* of *Iesus Christ*) wil testifie against you, when the *Plagues* and *Judgements* of *God*, is powred forth upon you, that his *Iudgements* are just; therefore now take *Warning*, and prize your time while you have it, and slight not this your *day of visitation*, you *Inhabitants* of this *Town* of *Cambridge*, for the Lord will not alwaies strive with you, sit down in the *dust*, and repent, and with speed forsake the evil of your doings, lest the *Dore* of *Mercy* be for ever shut against you: Remember your *Father Esau*, who lived in prophaneness, who would have repented, but he slipt his time and there was no place of *repentance* for him found. And *Judas*

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to escape the just *iudgements* of *God*, who are found acting the same things, for be assured it wil come heavie upon you, for the *Lord* is *righteous*, and with *equity* judgeth, and he wil reward you for your *unrighteousneſs*; yea *Vengeance* in *Flames* of *Fire* shall be revealed upon the *ungodly*, the *Mouth* of the *Lord* hath spoken it, and his *words* shall not go forth in vain. Therefore howle you *proud*, *stiff-necked*, *rebellious* ones, who wasts and devours the *creatures* of *God* upon your *lusts*, now an *Aecount* you must give to the *Creator*, who heareth the cry of the *oppressed*, which lyeth groaning under the *bondage* of *Corruption*; and the *Lord* wil no longer wink at the *Oppressor*, for he is now comming to cut down the *oppressor*, and set his *Creatures* free, which hath been kept long in *Bondage* by you who live in *lust* and *pleasures*, *fulneſs*; and *gluttonneſs*; yea, the *Sword* of the *Lord God* is drawn against you, you *Belly-Gods*, who feeds your selves withouthe fear of *God*; for the slaughter ye are; the edge of the sword you cannot escape, you bloody persecutors, haters and enviers of the *righteous seed*; against you the edge of the sword is turned, and you cannot escape; for the Lord wil cut you down; the *Lord* sees your plotting, and secret actings against his *dear servants and children*, you deceitful *Priests*, and corrupt *Magistrates*, who combine together to murther the *innocent*, so far as your Power extends; but praised be our *Lord God* for ever, who hath your Power limited, so that you cannot go beyond your bounds; your snares the Lord wil break in pieces, which you make to catch the innocent; and the Pits you dig for others you into them must fall; no weapons which you form against the harmless shal prosper, the Lord hath spoken it, who is our Deliverer, who wil be your Destroyer; yea, your day of Destruction draws nigh; and the God of the world whom you pray unto, which so long hath blinded your eyes, shall not be able to deliver you in this day of the Lords fierce wrath, who wil plead with you by fire, and by his sword, which

are already kindled, and drawn against you; and the enemies of the *Lord* and his servants, shal be consumed and utterly destroyed for ever: for the *Beast* and the *false Prophet*, which now bend their forces together to make war with the *Lamb*, shal be taken, and into the Lake must be cast, that burneth with fire and brimstone, and the Lamb shal have victory over you, you bloody persecutors. And you Schollars, who come hither to learn naturall languages, who spend and wast your time in idleness and prophaneness, many of you living in pleasures and wantonness; sporting your selves in the day-time: Consider what you are doing, doth not the *Lord* see and know these things? And wil not he visit you for your vanities and fooleries? Do you think to escape the just judgmenns of God? Nay, your *Logick* and your vain *Philosophy* wil not cover you; the Lord wil find you out, and you shall not escape unpunished; you according to your actions shall be rewarded: Therefore to you (I say) repent, lest the Evill Day come upon you at unawares, and there bee none to deliver you.

And you that keep Taverns and Alehouses, who keeps Cards Dice and Shovel-boords in your Houses for to satisfie the lusts of vaine mindes, which delights in gaming and foolerie, and fills wine and strong drink to men till they be inflamed, and so are the Upholders of that filthie Thing Drunkenness, which is one of the horrible, filthiest sins in the Nation.

Therefore, to You, (I say,) repent, and suffer such things no more to bee used in your Houses, (as is before mentioned,) least you partaking of their sinns, bee made partakers of their Judgements and Plagues, which ts neerer you, then yet you are aware of; for, You cannot escape the Edge of the Sword, being found TREES which cumbers the ground.

And You TRADES-MEN, of what sort soever, who uses Lying and Dissembling for Gaine, and are in the [illegible] Words, out of the Doctrine of CRIST, who [illegible] your Yea, be Yea, and your Nay bee Nay in

all things; for whatsoever commeth of more is Evill: What will your cheating and cozening availe You? Consider, though you may through deceitful waits and measures, & your crafty enluring speeches, heap up much of the worlds treasure, what wil it all profit you, in the day wherein you must give an account for all your dishoneſt gain? then the same Measure you meet withall, the same to you shall be measured again: To you I say repent, and forsake the evil of your waies, and provoke the Lord no longer, for the Lord God of Life and power sees and knows these things, and his judgments are nigh you, and his fury and indignation you cannot escape: therefore now I warn you in the name and fear of the Lord; Trades-men, give over deceit and cozening, and deal plainlie and honestlie with your Brethren in your buying and selling, and give just weight and measure, and let your yea, be yea, and your nay, be nay, and use not so many vain words in your bargaining, for to the Lord an account you must give, for everie idle word; therefore now yon are warned, take heed of adding to your condemnation, for this is the free love of God to your souls to give you warning, therefore prize it now while you have time, lest swift destruction come upon you, for now hath the Lord left you without excuse, you cannot plead ignorance, and the Light in your own Consciences (which is the Light of Jesus Christ, wherewith he hath enlightned you) shall bear true testimony against you, and witness for the Lord, that his judgements are just, when they come to be executed upon you. And you Magistrates who are sword-bearers, see that you bear the sword no more in vain, but let the edge of the sword be turned against the seed of evil doers, that by it all manner of Sin and wickedness may be cut down, and the RIGHTEOUS SEED preserved, that the TOWN may be set free from evil doers, that RIGHTEOUSNESSE may run down your Streets, &c.

But firſt, ſin and wickedneſs ſee in your own ſelves, cut down by the ſword of the *Lord* (which is his righteous jupgements) that the righteous ſeed in you may be raiſed up to rule and reign; that true judgement and juſtice may be executed by you, for he that ruleth over men muſt be juſt, for he is righteous that judgeth, and according to your judgement ſo ſhall you be judged. And to the *Vice-Chancellor* (ſo called) and to you who are the chiefe in *Colledges* (as you call them) who ſtudy, and teach others natural *Languages* (as *Hebrew*, *Greek*, and *Latine*) and the Arts of *Lodgick* and *Phyloſophy*, which is all for the fire, for the knowledge of theſe things puffs up your minds, and keepes you from the true knowledge of the living God, who can be known no other way but through his Son, for none ſhal ever know God by ſtudying old Authors, and learning naturall Languages (as *Hebrew*, *Greek*, and *Latine*, which you call the Original) for natural men cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God, God is a Myſterie ſealed to that nature, which ſtudieth theſe things before mentioned, for proud, high-minded, ſelfewilled men, ſtudie and teach theſe Languages, but the ſecrets of God are kept from ſuch; God to his Son reveales himſelf, who is meek and lowlie, aud thoſe who knows God, keeps his commands, and knows him by the revelation of his Son; and we, whom the *Lord* hath made himſelf known unto, through his Son, deny, and bear witneſs againſt all ſuch as comes not in by the dore, but climbs up another way in their own humane inventions; therefore to you, I ſay, ceaſe from your own imaginations, ſtudies, and naturall Languages; for all your Heatheniſh Authors, which your Liberaries and ſtudies are ſo furniſhed withall, are for the Fire, read *Acts* 19.19, many who uſed curious Arts (as you do) brought their Books, and burned them, when they came to own the everlaſting truth, which by the Apoſtles was preached; and as you come to own the truth (which by the deſpiſed and perſecuted ones is preached) your books then wil be of little value, which is now by you ſo highly prized, when your minds comes

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to be turned out of your vain imaginations, to the Light of Jesus Christ in you, which Jesus Christ hath lightned you with, you need not to study in old authors to know what meanings they gave, with their heathenish inventions upon the Saints conditions, who spoke forth the Scriptures, as they were moved by the Holy Ghost; nay, their meanings and their imaginations upon them are accursed, & your meanings which you give upon the Scriptures, and your imaginations upon them are accursed; for the Scripture which was spoke from the life of the Saints, are of no private interpretations, and til you come to own the Light of Jesus Christ, which he hath enlightned you with, and live in it, and receive it to be your Teacher, and even as it teach you to abide in it, that with it you may be led into the holie life, which life gave forth the Scripture; you cannot know the mysterie of the Scripture, for it is sealed to all the Worlds Wisdome, and one of the seaven Seals you cannot open, ~~with which the Book of life is~~ sealed, with all your rotten stuff, nay you are not found worthie, your Lodgick and Phylosophie, and all your naturall reason, and natural Languages, is shut out of the life of the Scriptures, you have the letter vvhich is the outside, the husk, and vvith that you feed people, therefore they profit nothing by you; for both you who are Teachers, and take upon you to teach others, you and they who are taught by you, are with the Prodigal feeding among Swine upon the husk, and your souls are starved for want of living food, for the Bread of Life you are strangers to, which if you once come to tast on, you wil then Witness with me, that upon the husk you have been feeding; but this is childrens food, this is not to be cast unto Dogs; you who are ful of envie and bitterness, and feeds upon the Tree of Knowledge, you cannot feed with children who hungers and thirsts continuallie after living food; nay it is the hungrie that the Lord feeds with good things; you who are ful and rich shal emptie be sent awaie, you are they which are to be fed vvith judgement, and judge-

ment you ſhall finde before *Mercy*; therefore to you I ſay *repent* in *duſt* and *aſhes*, leſt the *dore* of *Mercy* for ever be ſhut againſt you *Vice-Chancellor*, and you who are chiefe in *Colledges*, and *Chiefe Prieſts*, who above *meaſure* are exalted; you have builded your *Neſts* on high, but the *Lord God* of *life* and *power* wil you pul down, though your *building* be as high as *Babel*, yet the *Lord* wil bring you down; he that can receive it let him. This to you is a warning from the Lord,

Oxford 14. day of the
5. month. 1655.

By one of his Servants who is deſpiſed of the world, known by the name of
John Harrwood.

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